

VERNONIA SCHOOL DISTRICT 47J

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Dear Parents,

Hello. I hope everyone is safe at home with family! Again, I will work to share any updates on our school closure situation every Tuesday and Friday, on this website. Also, if there are any major changes that have immediate impact, I will share those over our Blackboard Connect automated phone call system. These Tuesday and Friday messages are meant to be updates. If information regarding some aspect of this emergency has not changed, it won't be mentioned in the latest update. Here are the latest updates:

- Official guidance from the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) on distance learning, and how to meet educational requirements for students during this closure has still not been shared with local districts. I expect an update on Monday, but we will see.
 - All of the resources available from the District are for supplemental learning, and are not intended to replace classroom instruction or district-adopted curriculum. No content will be graded, and all of these activities will be optional.
- New Website Features – www.vernoniak12.org
 - As more information arises we will continue to provide more information and resources. Here are some of the updates on the website today.
 - **“Parent Survey – PLEASE COMPLETE”** – We are asking each and every one of our families to complete this survey so we can best serve your needs under the circumstances laid out by Governor Brown. For those who don't respond or aren't able to complete this survey on line, teachers will be conducting the survey with them on a phone call sometime next week. We will be working very hard to make contact with each and every student/family by the end of next week, regardless of whether your survey is completed.
 - **“VSD Supplemental Learning Plan”** – As shared above we still await official guidance on this from the Oregon Department of Education (ODE). This document lays out the general plans for Supplemental Learning for all grade levels within the VSD, but is subject to change once final ODE guidance is received.
 - **“School Closure Family Guide”** – This document is a guide for families and how the District will communicate information throughout this school closure.
 - Meal Pickup Changes
 - Students who are present can still pick up meals at both of our sites, but now parents may pick up meals for their own children without the children being present. This is a new rule from ODE.

As much as we need to keep our distance and stay apart from each other, now is the time when we must also pull together, to stay united as a community, weather this storm, and come out the other side stronger than ever. Take care of yourselves as much as you can, and let us know if there is anything we might be able to do to help.

Thank you again for your patience through all of this! More on Tuesday. Take care and be well!

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